

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this case. Claims 16-19 are amended by the present amendment. Amended Claims 16-19 are supported by the original claims and specification,¹ and therefore add no new matter.

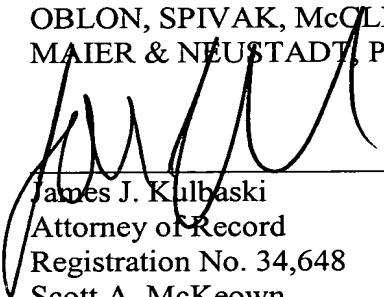
Pending Claims 16-19 are believed to be patentable over the cited references as discussed in the Amendment filed October 12, 2005. Accordingly, the pending claims and the present application are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹See e.g. Specification at page 42, line 20 to page 43, line 1 and Figure 12.